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CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

NOTE VERBALE DATED 28 JULY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola and has the honour, with reference to the latter's note verbale dated 21 July 1998, to give the following information on the measures adopted by the Government of Finland to implement the provisions of paragraphs 11 and 12 of resolution 1173 (1998).

1. Following the adoption by the Security Council of resolution 1173 (1998) on 12 June 1998, the European Union adopted on 3 July 1998 a Common Position (98/425/CFSP). The European Union decided to reduce economic and financial relations with Angola in accordance with Security Council resolution 1173 (1998). Furthermore, the Common Position prohibits official contacts with the leadership of the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) in areas of Angola to which State administration has not been extended, except for those by representatives of the Government of Unity and National Reconciliation (GURN), of the United Nations and of the Observer States to the Lusaka Protocol. The text of the Common Position was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities on 4 July 1998 (OJL 190/3).

2. Having regard to the Common Position, the Council of the European Union adopted on 28 July 1998 Council Regulation (EC) concerning the interruption of certain economic relations with Angola in order to induce UNITA to fulfil its obligations in the peace process, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 2229/97. This Regulation is binding and directly applicable in Finland as a member of the European Union. The text of the Regulation will be published shortly in the Official Journal of the European Communities. The Council Regulation provides a freezing of funds required in paragraph 11 of Security Council resolution 1173 (1998) and restriction of economic relations with Angola

in accordance with paragraph 12 of the said resolution. The provisions of the previous Council Regulation 2229/97 implementing Security Council resolutions 864 (1993), 1127 (1997) and 1130 (1997) were also incorporated in the new Regulation.

3. Sanctions to be imposed where the provisions of the Council Regulation (EC) concerning the interruption of certain economic relations with Angola in order to induce UNITA to fulfil its obligations in the peace process, and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 2229/97: Sanctions to be imposed where the provisions of the Council Regulation are infringed are provided in chapter 46, sections 1-3, of the Penal Code of Finland. Forfeitures are provided in chapter 46, sections 8-13, of the Penal Code.